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May 22, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Over the last three years, thousands of residents in New York have been suffering from contaminated water supplies due to Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and another Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). As you know, the physical structure of PFOA allows it to easily be transported in groundwater, creating a long-term public health risk.

Recently, I have heard reports that the Environmental Protection Agency has slowed the release of a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) study which details the human health impacts of PFOA and PFOS. If this is true, the EPA should immediately reverse course and support the release of this study upon its completion.

Previous examinations of PFOA and PFOS have shown possible health complications from exposure including cancer, fertility issues, and slowed learning in children. Communities in my district like Hoosick Falls and Petersburg have seen these early reports and continue to suffer the long-term impacts of this water contamination. Residents in Upstate New York are looking for as much information as possible so they can make well informed decisions for their families.

The constituents in my district deserve to know any and all information contained within this HHS study and I encourage you to support its publication.

Sincerely,

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cc: Secretary Alex M. Azar II, US Department of Health and Human Services

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